

Agency Overview

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) actively guides, controls and plans for the use and conservation of Idaho's water and energy resources. Karl Dreher is the current director of IDWR. He oversees three operational divisions with a total of 176 appropriated FTP in FY 2005. There are four regional offices that provide services to Idaho citizens. The northern regional office is in Coeur d'Alene. The western regional office is in Boise. The southern regional office is in Twin Falls and the eastern regional office is in Idaho Falls. There are one-person satellite offices in Salmon and Soda Springs.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

Information Services, Legal Services and the Support Services Bureau are under the IDWR Director in the organization chart. The attorneys in Legal Services are deputy attorneys general housed at IDWR. The Support Services Bureau includes Information Technology, Financial and Administrative Services.

Primary authority for the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) and its programs rests in Title 42, Idaho Code. The importance of water to the State of Idaho was recognized even before statehood. Article XV of the Constitution contains seven sections dealing with water including Section 7 that established the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB). In 1974 the Board, although a separate entity, was placed within the Department. More recently in 1981 the Idaho Office of Energy, which was in the Governor's office, was merged into the Department.

Water Management Division

This is the regulatory division for the Department. Staff are located in the State Office, regional offices and satellite offices.

The Water Allocation Bureau provides two primary functions. The Water Allocation Section provides for recording, processing, changing and storing of all water rights in the state. The Water Distribution Section supervises water distribution via about 70 active water districts throughout the state.

The Adjudication Bureau supervises all water right adjudications, including the Snake River Basin Adjudication. This adjudication, considered one of the most successful in the western states, has an objective of submitting all Director's Reports to the Court, a significant milestone in the process, by June, 2006. To date recommendations for 126,685 water rights have been submitted to the Court, and the remaining 19,036 are being readied.

The Resource Protection Bureau is responsible for Safety of Dams, Stream Channel Protection, Ground Water Protection, and Flood Plain Management. Each of these programs is increasing in statewide significance and has been increasing in effectiveness via automation.

Staff in the Regional Offices conduct division programs as directed and supported by State Office staff.

Planning and Technical Services Division

This division provides technical and planning support to IDWR and the IWRB. The Geospatial Technology unit is the designated leader, by Idaho Code 39-120, for natural resource geographic information systems (GIS). The GIS analysts have provided support to the attorney general's office, the legislative redistricting commission and many other state agencies and local governments.

The Hydrology Section provides the detailed scientific information necessary for administration, management, planning and protection of the state's water resources. Most of the functions of the Section are to provide data, expertise, and collaborative studies to the department and numerous organizations and governments. Water right accounting is a vital function that IDWR provides to southern Idaho water users. The accounting program tracks natural flow and storage water used and what remains in reservoirs. Ground water flow models and a system operations model for the Snake River are also the responsibility of the Hydrology Section. These models are used for a variety of purposes including quantification of the effects of drought, recharge and pumping on water levels and river flows.

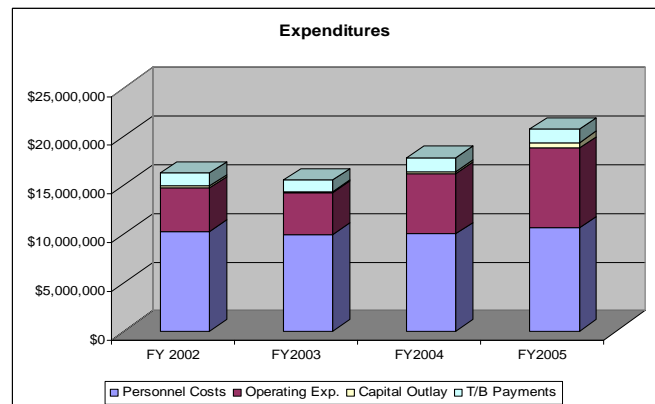
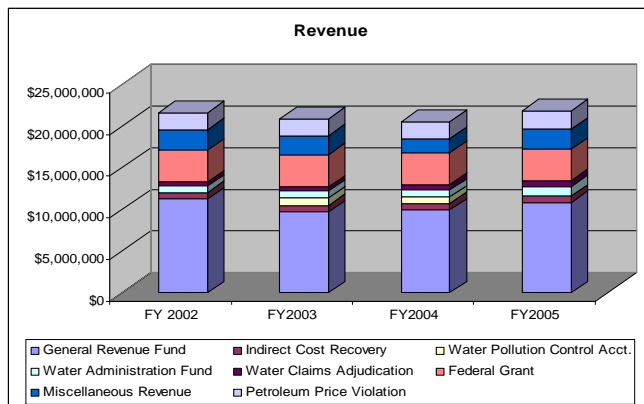
The Planning Bureau primarily supports IWRB programs including: the State Water Plan, water project development and funding, minimum stream flows, natural and recreational river designations and comprehensive basin planning.

Energy Division

The Energy Division exists by executive order of the Governor. The division receives limited state funds, which are used as match for a federal bioenergy grant. More than 99% of Energy Division operations are financed by federal funds, Petroleum Violation Escrow (PVE) funds, and miscellaneous revenue funds. The division is divided into four teams that operate 15 programs. The teams are: Agriculture, Industry and Municipal; Energy Efficiency; Financial Assistance, and Renewable Resources and Alternative Fuels. The current program emphasis includes energy efficiency with new site built and manufactured housing, existing housing, industrial, agricultural, commercial, and institutional buildings. Staff provides assistance with bioenergy, wind power, geothermal energy and solar applications.

Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
General Revenue Fund	\$11,241,100	\$9,708,500	\$9,931,800	\$10,825,800
Indirect Cost Recovery	\$783,200	\$747,200	\$754,400	\$771,700
Water Pollution Control Acct.	\$0	\$892,900	\$797,400	\$0
Water Administration Fund	\$752,500	\$841,000	\$856,500	\$1,128,800
Water Claims Adjudication	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$608,500	\$703,500
Federal Grant	\$3,843,600	\$3,884,400	\$3,862,600	\$3,785,500
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$2,406,100	\$2,259,500	\$1,652,800	\$2,406,600
Petroleum Price Violation	\$2,070,100	\$2,055,300	\$2,062,200	\$2,195,700
Total	\$21,596,600	\$20,888,800	\$20,526,200	\$21,817,600
Expenditure	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Personnel Costs	\$10,228,500	\$9,949,700	\$9,995,300	\$10,603,600
Operating Expenditures	\$4,484,000	\$4,308,300	\$6,206,300	\$8,197,200
Capital Outlay	\$201,700	\$64,600	\$156,400	\$548,900
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$1,334,500	\$1,199,800	\$1,480,100	\$1,391,000
Total	\$16,248,700	\$15,522,400	\$17,838,100	\$20,740,700



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Water Management Director's Report Recommendations Prepared for the Snake River Basin Adjudication	3,879	3,515	6,204	6,301
Water Management Water Right Transfers Approved	166	231	219	233
Water Management New wells constructed	4,401	4,181	4,473	4,527
Planning & Technical Services Annual # amount awards for IWRB loans and grants	7 grants for \$44,000 16 loans for \$1,756,524 1 revenue bond issuance for \$26,775,000 1 legislatively-funded project for \$60,000	2 grants for \$13,400 13 loans for \$2,016,135	12 grants for \$72,791 15 loans for \$2,597,192 2 legislatively-funded projects for \$820,000	3 grants for \$50,000 8 loans for \$3,326,172 1 revenue bond issuance for \$19,975,000 1 legislatively-funded project for \$24,375,000
Planning & Technical Services Number of surface and ground water measurement sites	983	1,028	1,128	1,134
1. Managed Recharge	13	13	13	13
2. Geothermal	7	16	16	13
3. Groundwater Quality	413	415	413	420
4. Water Levels (USGS Co-op, IDWR, and private contracts)	447	447	554	572
5. Surface Water (USGS gages + return flow sites)	103	137	132	116
Energy: Provide energy efficiency and renewable energy training, education, and information for all sectors, including builders, commercial building operators, homeowners, farmers and irrigators, and renewable resource developers.?	440 workshops and workgroup sessions	306	384	997
Energy: Provide technical assistance for energy efficiency and renewable energy use.	4246	5739	4702	4511
Energy: Low interest loans provided.	121 loans for \$514,262, saving \$58,314 annually in energy costs.	25 loans for \$304,885, saving \$22,767 annually.	14 loans for \$208,850, saving \$32,967 annually.	10 loans for \$95,905, saving \$13,031 annually.

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